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For: NUCLEIC ACID AND AMINO AC SEQUENCE RELATING TO ENTEROBGACTER CLOACAE F DIAGNOSTICS AND THERAPEUTICS	)

## AMENDMENT AND REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2004, this Reply is being filed on May 31, 2005, and is accompanied by a Petition for Three Months Extension of Time to Reply to June 14, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: